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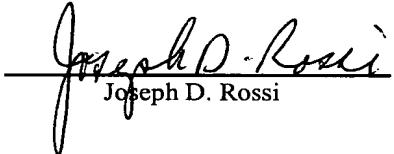
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3-Mercaptoacetylamino 1,5-Substituted-2-Oxo-Azepan
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Dear Sir:

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to
Office Action Dated March 3, 2004

In response to the Official Action dated March 3, 2004 ("the Office Action"), reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below.